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TITLE: "PIPE FLOW STABILIZER"

REQUEST STATUS ON APPLICATION

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P.O. Box 1450
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S I R:

On July 21, 2003, we filed a new patent application with the Commissioner for Patents via Express Mail.

On July 29, 2003, we received a returned post card from the Patent Office but no Serial No. or stamp was affixed by the Patent Office.

The application was paid for by our American Express PTO-2038 charge form in the amount of \$513.00 and an additional \$40.00 was charged on a separate PTO-2038 form at the time of filing for the Assignment filing fee. Our Accounting Department has confirmed that the Patent Office had processed payment of \$513.00 and \$40.00 on July 23, 2003 to our American Express account. A serial number was given from the Patent Office report confirming payment to our American Express charge for those amounts. Serial No. 10/624,033 was applied and we are under the assumption that this serial number was applied to the above captioned application.

On October 21, 2003, I called the U.S. Patent Office and spoke with Mr. Wallace @703-308-1202 and he advised me that Serial No. 10/624,033 was at the Patent Office but was in IFW processing. Again, we are in supposition that this serial number pertains to our application filed on July 21, 2003 but have no confirmation of this from the Patent Office.

On October 28, 2003 an official Filing Receipt was received from the U.S. Patent Office confirming Serial No. 10/624,033 filed on July 21, 2003.

A Status Inquiry was filed with us on July 30, 2004.

A correspondence from the Patent Office dated September 17, 2004, projected that this application would be first examined in 4 to 7 months from that date. As of this writing, no further communication has been received.

Respectfully submitted,

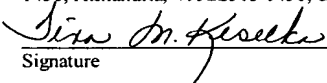


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